IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

licants

Kouhei Kabuki, et al.

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For

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Examiner

Layla G. Lauchman

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE - ISSUE FEE PAID UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(C)(2)

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2). The Issue Fee for this case was paid on February 17, 2004.

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

Applicants request withdrawal of the application from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), in order for the Office to consider a Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Attached hereto is a request for Continued Examination, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 with references cited therein.

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The Office is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4334 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge \$130.00 under 37 CFR§ 1.17(h) and any additional fees under any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.116 or 1.17 or credit any overpayment under to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 19, 2004

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